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THE GREAT MIDDLE KINGDOM

The Land of the Yellow Dragon and Its Relation to the Rest of the World

In China there is a million souls to

every preacher. The position of woman in China is

practical slavery. China has an area of two million square miles of territory for her four hundred millions of people.

nearly as large as the United States, and eighteen times the size of Great

China has nearly 400,000,000 of people without Christ.

Not one man in a hundred in China from the higher classes.

The Chinese wife is never seen to walk the streets with a man, not even her own husband.

China is the largest mission field in the world, having a million more than India and two million more than

One hundred and fifty million people in China use the same dialect and are governed by the same laws.

It is a mistake to judge China by the people that come to this land, for they are not the best of her citizens.

The Chinese are a highly intellectual, hardy, frugal people, and when converted make most loyal Christians.

China has one of the greatest commercial futures of any country. The Gospel must go with this in order to save her from the ruin to which this will subject her.

Southern Baptists entered China in 1847, and they now have 39 missionaries, 43 native assistants, 20 churches, 37 outstations, 1364 members, 167 baptized last year, 29 Sunday schools. 675 pupils and \$1793 contributed durng the year.

China is one of the oldest nations. Before England, France, Germany, Rome, or Babylon, which has been dead 2500 years, before Israel went down into Egypt, before them all was China and the Chinese.

The great wall of China is 1259 miles long and 20 feet high, with a thickness at the base of 25 feet and 15 feet at the top.—Biblical Recorder.

In the Land of the Bloody Empress

No one should generalize about China. North China is not South China, Shanghai is not so much like Pekin as St. Petersburg is like London, while Foochow might be in another hemisphere from either. The more you learn about China the more you know how much you do not know, and the more modest you will be about expressing an opinion.

Since last I wrote we have plowed our way down the Yang-tze-Kiang. across the Yellow Sea from Shanghai to Tien Tsin, the great seaport of North China, and thence made our way by the new railroad and trolley line almost a hundred miles further to the gates of famous Pekin. Here we are in a new Chinese world, a world of dirt unspeakable, though that is nothing new in China; a world of wide, unpaved streets instead of the narrow, stone-paved lanes; a world of mud houses instead of stone; a world ruled over by a very Jezebel of an empress, whose stamp of death is on everything fair and good.

Modern improvement, however, even in Peking chases medievalism up to the very gates of the city. A railway train drawn by an American engine pulls us over the dusty plain from the seacoast at a fair rate of speed, passing on the way numerous caravans of camels, the ancient express trains of China.

But the noisy American engine, it was feared, would disturb the great Earth Dragon, or Fung Shui, and so the railway was stopped several miles before reaching the city, in a most impracticable and unreasonable spot.

An electric car, however, was not supposed to anger the Earth Dragon so much, so a trolley line was built to the city wall. But when you have got there, you have not arrived at any place you wish to visit; the legations. the mission houses, the stores, are still miles away, and you have to take a Peking cart, which can out jolt any other vehicle that was ever invented. and bump and bounce your way some five miles more over execrable roads until all your joints ache, and like the Psalmist, you can tell all your bones.

At last, some two hours after you left the train which was supposed to bring you to Peking, you have reached your destination.

But all the jolts and bad roads and horrible carts of Peking are nothing compared with Peking dust. It is the dust of centuries, the remains of innumerable dead Chinamen, the dried sewage of a city of a million of people, the accumulated microbes of generations triturated and pulverized. All are caught up by the wind and whirled by eddying gusts into every corner of your being. .

You get an ear-full and an eye-full; your hair is powdered; and if you

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cloud of this unspeakable microbe dust s blown down your throat.

Every passing donkey and camel and shuffling Chinaman stir up a new whirlwind of dust. You are in a smother of dried nastiness from one end of the city to the other. Your own mother would not know you in the copper colored dust man into whose likeness you have been trans-

At last, when you have about despaired of ever being cool or clean or regaining your lost good nature, your carter pulls up at a gate in a mud wall; the door opens; and you find yourself in a clean, sweet mission compound, with comfortable but not luxurious houses.

O, what an oasis in the desert of heathenism is a mission compound! There is no moral desert more arid and heathenish than the city of Pekin. Just now the city is disturbed by ru mors of violence and bloodshed. The 'Boxers' are abroad in the land, the Righteons Harmony Fisters," as their name may be literally translated. They are terrorizing Christians ev erywhere, and threatening foreigners. and frequently getting the best of the cowardly soldiers whom the government, which is more than suspected of being friendly with them, occasionally sends out. No one knows what a day may bring forth. The time for the massacre of all foreigners has been set on a near day. Christians in some villages are not allowed to go outdoors by these bandits.

In the midst of this turmoil and anxiety and fearful anticipation of the fu ture, stands the mission compound, restful, hopeful, undisturbed, with Christ's words looking down from the motto on many a wall, "Peace I leave with you." Come life or death, come trouble or revolution or war, at the very gates, "Peace I leave with you." -Rev. Francis E. Clark.

A THOUSAND TONGUES

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard street, Philadelphia. Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedies and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this royal cure: "It soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New Discovery for any trouble of the Throat. Chest or Lungs. Price 50 cents and \$1. Trial bottles 10 cents at Garrett & Gerig's, and all other druggists. Every bottle guaran-

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A WOMAN'S STORY.

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What can be worse for

a woman than an otherwise beautiful skin covered with sores and eruptions? Can blame people for avoiding women thus af-Great Remedy.) flicted? They are to be pitied; but what woman wants pity? Besides

the humiliation of disfigurement, the itching and burning of skin diseases are almost unen-All women ought to know that all facial and bodily blemishes are caused by impure blood,

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